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BIRTHS.

At Shanghai, on the 15th instant, the wife of ARCHIE LAY, of a son.  
At No. 315, Honan Road, Shanghai, on the 22nd instant, the wife of H. GENSBURGER, of a son.

At Chungking, on the 30th ultimo, the wife of LEONARD WIGHAM, B.A., Friends' Mission, of a son.

DEATHS.

Accidentally drowned, at Shanghai, on the 6th of November, CHARLES WATT, late and engineer steamer Canton, aged 32 years.  
On the 13th November, Mr. YOSHIMAWA TAJIRO, President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**  
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1895.

WANTED: MEHR LICHT.

THE PROPOSED VIGILANCE FUND FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN INTERESTS IN CHINA.

Under date Shanghai, 18th November, Mr. R. M. CAMPBELL, Chairman of the Shanghai Branch of the China Association and Chairman of the Public Indignation Meeting held at Shanghai on the 5th August last in connection with the never-to-be-forgotten Kucheng Massacre, addressed to our Shanghai contemporaries this letter:—

Sir,—You were good enough, a little while ago, to publish a letter from me suggesting to this community the advisability of founding a "Vigilance Fund" for the purpose of collecting a sum of money which should be available for endeavouring to protect the interests of foreigners generally in China, when those interests appear to be in danger of being neglected. I was warmly complimented on the letter itself, and received a good deal of advice regarding what it was advisable to do, as well as how to do it.

To take any action, however, costs money, and I regret to say that apart from such sums and guarantees as I have personally collected, the pecuniary contributions to the "Vigilance Fund" have been insignificant.

I feel certain that such is not the intention of this community, but that I should have so difficultly whatever in collecting as much money as I might think necessary. It would not in my opinion be fair or reasonable that the money should come only from those persons I might happen to call upon, therefore I would feel greatly obliged—

1.—If the community would recognise that I cannot afford the time necessary for making such a collection.

2.—If the community would pay to the credit of the "Vigilance Fund" at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China such sums or guarantees as they may feel inclined to contribute.

The late British Minister to China has left to take up a higher and more important post. I regret that before his departure from China he did not think it necessary to give the public any further information regarding matters at Foochow, in connection with the massacre at Kucheng.

The local papers have made public what has taken place at Kucheng. How the Commission

of Enquiry was obstructed, if not insulted, until a strong British Fleet appeared off Foochow; how then, and only then, the Viceroy and his viceroy became more amenable to reason; how a certain number of unfortunate wretches lost their heads, etc., etc.

The last home papers were extravagantly jubilant over the degradation of the late Viceroy of Szechuan but, so far as may be judged from local independent public opinion, the one person at home who seems to have grasped the actual position of affairs in this country is Professor Douglas, who points out that the late Viceroy of Szechuan was already a discredited individual with his own government, who was glad of an opportunity of further punishing him; and the "strong policy" lately supposed to have been carried out here is not so far from being very productive.

I am decidedly of opinion that the position of affairs at Foochow is not at all satisfactory, and that we, to be consistent, should not rest till the Viceroy at Foochow has been degraded and debarred from ever holding office again, or at all events till we have done all in our power to have him so punished.

It appears pretty clear that it was the communications addressed by Shanghai, and every important centre in China, and by Hongkong, to the Times and other important American and European newspapers, that killed the Szechuan Commission of Enquiry as originally constituted, and caused the temporary adoption of a attitude towards China, by America and England, which, if continued, is best suited to her ultimate welfare. If it should become apparent, in the manner suggested above, that such is the opinion of this community, steps will be immediately taken to further inform the Times.

I earnestly hope that all foreign communities in China will do all that each can do to further impress similar views on such important papers and news agencies as their knowledge may enable them, with advantage, to select.

I am, etc.,  
R. M. CAMPBELL.

We cordially agree with Mr. CAMPBELL, that it is advisable that the disgraceful Inquiry Piasco should be exposed to the world in all its hideous reality, and that nothing can be gained by allowing our fellow-countrymen to be hoodwinked and induced to slumber on in a sense of security which is not at all justified by circumstances and facts, and we therefore gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity to help along the good cause which he has at heart by giving his communication the fullest publicity possible.

Who is to blame for causing the British public to believe that the Viceroy Liu was punished solely as the result of the British ultimatum? Who is guilty of attempting to make the great British democracy believe that the real ringleaders of the Kucheng atrocities have been beheaded? Let the British Government lay papers on the table of the House of Commons proving beyond the shadow of doubt that all the ringleaders, instigators, and those who connived at the foul deeds have been punished, and then, and not till then, can we believe that the "strong policy," about which there has been such a flourishing of official trumpets at home, has been pursued, and that the British Government has at last been able to discover the error of its peculiar methods of dealing with that paragon of imbecility and corruption which by courtesy is styled the Government of the Celestial Empire.

It appears to us that the vision of the Government and of the British public has been obscured by a fog of scepticism and unconcern, and that therefore, they have been unable to discern the breakers no great distance ahead which others nearer the danger can clearly discern. Let us hope that the day is nigh when the public will be placed in a position to sift the wheat from the tares; when the dawn of a new era of progress and civilization will appear in the East in all its glory. Surely there has been enough and to spare of half-truths, of diplomatic fencing around hard facts, of throwing dust in the eyes of the British taxpayer. Is it not high time that he should be treated as an intelligent rational being, when he should have *mehr Licht* on the burning questions of the hour, and in respect to the Far Eastern Question in particular?

**TELEGRAMS.**  
**REUTER'S MESSAGES.**

**TURKEY.**  
LONDON, 24th November.  
Sir Philip Curie has returned to Constantinople.

**MORE TROUBLE FOR TURKEY.**  
Anarchy prevails in Central Albania and the chiefs are defying the authority of the Porte.

**WARLIKE PREPARATIONS IN RUSSIA.**  
A telegram to the Times from Sebastopol states that the Russian Black Sea Fleet has been recommissioned and that troops are assembled at Odessa in readiness for active service.

(From El Comodoro.)  
**THE WAR IN CUBA.**  
MADRID, November 21st.  
Rumours of an immediate peace in Cuba have been stronger to day on the Iberian, although at present Sir Canovas del Castillo affirms that there is absolutely no foundation for them.

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)  
**THE KUANGTUNG GOVERNORSHIP.**  
PEKING, November 19th.

Several high Ministers of the Emperor have strongly recommended to the Emperor (Yen Tsung) the former degraded Governor of Shan-tung, to serve *vice* Mr. Pei-yao, lately deceased, and there is good reason to believe that he will be the next Governor of Kuangtung.

(From Japanese Papers.)  
**THE WATERWORKS SCANDAL.**  
TOKIO, November 12th.

The Tokio City Councilors sent in their resignations yesterday in a body because of the Waterworks scandal.

TOKIO, November 12th.  
An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the East Japan Company was held yesterday, when it was decided to suspend business for the

present and to raise a loan of 4,000 yen. A committee of five has been elected to watch the interests of shareholders.

**THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**  
TOKIO, November 12th.

With the object of aiding the development of Japanese navigation, the Government has decided to pay an additional subsidy to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha of 3,000,000 yen in aid of the Company's Australian and Bombay lines and the proposed line to Europe.

TOKIO, November 15th.  
A meeting of the chief officials of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, held to-day, Mr. Kondo was elected President (*vice* Mr. Y. Shikawa, deceased) and Mr. Kato vice-President.

**THE EVACUATION OF KOREA.**  
SEOUL, November 13th.

The Commissariat Corps at Piyang will, it is expected, be withdrawn in the course of the present month.

It is reported that as soon as the Commissariat Corps at Piyang is withdrawn, the men attached to the corps as a guard will also be recalled. It is reported, however, that two *chutai* (a *chutai* numbers about two hundred men) will remain in Seoul as a garrison, and a *chutai* will also be stationed at Fusan and another at Gensan.

About 200 Military Police are reported to be under orders to leave Japan for Korea. It is believed that the Foreign Ministers approve of this arrangement as they realise that on the troops being withdrawn there will be danger of another outbreak.

**THE EVACUATION OF LIAOTUNG.**  
TOKIO, November 15th.

It has been decided by the Government that as soon as the official dispatch concerning the payment of the Liao-tung indemnity reaches Japan, orders will be issued for the withdrawal of the troops from the peninsula.

The indemnity was to be paid in London to-day, 15th November.

TOKIO, November 14th.  
It is said to be one of the conditions of the Liao-tung Retrocession Treaty that the dockyard and forts at Port Arthur shall be returned to China as they stand at present.

**COUNT INOUE.**  
SEOUL, November 15th.

Count Inouye has paid a visit to the Palace to bid farewell to the King. He is expected to leave Seoul to-morrow, and will embark on the *Nanyitsu-maru* at Chemulpo on the 17th instant.

**THE "BJORG."**  
KORE, November 15th.  
The steamer *Byorg* has been floated, and, being practically uninjured, proceeded to-day on her voyage to Vladivostok.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
The British North Borneo Government is advertising free grants of land up to 500 acres in extent for the cultivation of talapia.

Two boatmen were fined \$5 each at the Magistracy this morning for boarding the steamer *Emeralda* before the police on her arrival from Manila.

The tank steamer *Pacific*, Captain Hocher, which arrived here yesterday *en route* to Japan, is the largest tank steamer afloat. She is now making her first trip to the East.

The master of a licensed rowing boat who was convicted this morning at the Magistracy of carrying nine passengers in excess of the four allowed by his license was fined \$15 for his offence.

A MARINE Court will assemble at the Harbour Office at 11 a.m. to-morrow to enquire into certain charges of misconduct brought by the master of the British barque *Terrific* against his Chief Officer.

ADMIRAL CARPENTER, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic squadron, is reported to have obtained permission from the Navy Department to relinquish his post and return to the States.

Quite voluntarily-like! From information that reached the *Kobe Chronicle* on the 13th instant that paper is led to understand that "the Russian fleet will again use Kobe as its headquarters during the coming winter, after Vladivostok is closed."

Mr. CHINDA, Japanese Consul-General, accompanied by Messrs. Inouye, Hayami, Nishikishi, and Horii (the latter, the *Yuffa* correspondent) left Shanghai last week in a steam launch for Hangchow to select the site for the new Settlement. Mr. Hipsley, Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, according to the *Gazette*, left a day or two before for the same place, having been called for consultation by the Governor of Chekiang.

At the Magistracy this morning an old woman was charged with kidnapping two young girls. She had used the old, old story. She secured possession of them from their parents near Canton on the plea of getting them husbands in Hongkong, and on arrival here attempted to sell them for immoral purposes. Detective Quincy got wind of the transaction, with the result that the old woman will put in nine months of hard labour at the gaol, while the damsels will be returned to their homes as soon as possible by the Registrar General.

THE Tientsin correspondent of the *Mercury* writes that Li Hung-chang is daily becoming more powerful with the Emperor, as he is supported in all his plans by the Russian, German, French and United States Ministers, as well as by the Japanese Envoy. It is daily expected that the edict ordering the building of the Peking-Tientsin railway will be issued. Liu Kunyi is to be re-appointed to Nanking as Viceroy, which will permit Chang Chih-tung to return to Hupoh. Lo Feng-hsiang, Li's chief interpreter, is, it is reported, to be appointed Minister to one of the European Courts, if he is not to succeed Sheng Tsi-tai in Tientsin.

JAPANESE papers report that a special envoy will be dispatched from Japan to Russia to be present at the coronation of the Tsar, which takes place in February next.

The Interment of Mr. C. W. Clements and Mr. Adolf F. Ljungbom, two of the victims of the *Kungshai* disaster, took place at the New Cemetery, Shanghai, on Friday, the 15th inst.

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 19th is responsible for the statement that "there is a bliff about the new Franco-Russian Bank. The French have found the greater part of the capital, but the Russians want the majority on the Board of Directors." The Shanghai paper thinks the French will give way, and the matter will be soon settled amicably.

SERGEANT MOTT last evening succeeded in collarizing thirteen men, mostly private chair-coolies, gambling in Lung-ii Fong, and these were this morning charged at the Magistracy with breaches of the *Gambling Ordinance*. Two men who kept the houses were fined \$5 each, and the remaining visitors 50 cents each. The fines were paid.

"It affords us infinite pleasure to be able to state there is now good reason for hoping that our esteemed Chief, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., who has been very seriously ill since he returned to the Colony by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's speedy *Frisco* liner *China* from Japan on the 19th inst., will at a comparatively early date be on the high road to the complete recovery of his wretched health and strength."

The Peking correspondent of a Shanghai native paper states that according to a letter received from Liangchow in Korea, the members of the Mohammedan rebellion are dwindling away and are now only a few thousand strong. Liangchow is as quiet as usual. The rebellion is raging at present 400 miles from Liangchow at a place called Hamakow. The same correspondent also writes that the rumour that Setchow had been captured by the rebels was unfounded.

M. DUBIL, the French Consul-General at Shanghai, entertained at a dinner on the 17th instant in the new Consulate-General, H.E. Wang Chih-ch'ou, Treasurer of Hupoh and ex-Envoy to Russia, Huang Tso-tai, Chief Commissioner of the Nanking Bureau of Foreign Affairs, at present in Shanghai to settle outstanding missionary questions in the Liangkiang and Honan provinces, and several officials of the Treasurer's staff.

It is officially rumoured in Hupoh, says a Shanghai native paper, that the Director of the Hanyang Chinese Engineering and Mining Company has lately visited Nanking for the purpose of interviewing "E. Chang Chih-tung on affairs relative to the construction of a railway from Paoan gate to Whok Shingchow." The land in and around Whok Shingchow is productive of an immense quantity of minerals, chiefly coal and iron. The construction of this railway will greatly benefit Hupoh.

An Organ recital was given at the Union Church last evening by Mr. George Grumble, in aid of the organ fund. He was assisted by Miss Lammer, Dr. Meadows, Mr. Gilchrist and Master Charles Plinston, and the excellent programme which was announced attracted a very large audience, including His Excellency Sir William Robinson. Mr. Grumble executed his very difficult items in his usual masterly manner, while Miss Lammer and Dr. Meadows were again heard in company, the result being charming. Dr. Meadows was also heard in recitative and solo from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," when the great volume of his splendid voice was heard to full advantage. Mr. Gilchrist was likewise in splendid voice, while the fine soprano of Master Plinston gave great pleasure to those who heard him.

A *TAJING* article on the "Great Eastern Problem," dealing with the *Times* assertion that "the Great Powers should make arrangements for obtaining a collective agreement guaranteeing the neutrality of Korea, thus settling a question which threatens to become a source of danger to the maintenance of peace in the East," is unavoidably held over until to-morrow. We hoped to publish it to-day, but as neither time nor space permit we must *sayna* the indulgence of our readers, and ask them to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the following passage from "*China and the Powers*," (published in 1895) page 27, lines 33 and 34, and page 28, lines 1 to 5, which read thus:—

"Let Korea be thoroughly established as an absolutely neutral state and it will then become nothing more nor less than a *Neutral Zone* between Russia, China, Japan, and British possessions in the Far East. I contend, and with reason, that the conversion of Korea into a *Neutral Zone* will result in permanent benefits to the *Pinkish* Kingdom, and almost certain security against conflict between the *Eastern Powers*."

THE *China Gazette* of the 8th instant, says editorially:—One point in the China and Japan Commercial Treaty has not been so far noticed by the London Press. It is the sea-weed and fishery clause. This sea-fishery is a trade offering a vast field for Japanese enterprise, and one in which she can have no competitors among the foreign Powers. That she will push it forward in certain, not only for the money side of the question, but more especially for the fact that it will give lucrative employment to thousands and tens of thousands of her hardiest sons; this being the class from which the best soldiers of the Imperial Navy are recruited. Fishing stations will be established in the Pescadore and along the Formosa coast. The Chinese fishermen will in all probability be driven away and piracy will increase all along the China coast. Another nail in the Chinese coffin, due to the impotence of her armed sea force, is not to be despised.

## NAVAL NOTES.

H.M.S. *Pigmy* has been ordered down from Canton and is due to-morrow. She will be thoroughly overhauled and fitted up preparatory to recommissioning.

H.M.S. *Plow* will return from Foochow to-night or to-morrow morning, and after a very short stay will proceed to Canton to replace the *Pigmy*.

H.M.S. *Caroline* is now on her way from Japan, via Nagasaki and Foochow. It is expected she will be sent home soon and be replaced on the station by a better vessel.

H.M.S. *Rinaldo* sails from Manila for here in a day or two. She is to undergo a thorough overhaul preparatory to going into a new commission.

H.M.S. *Humber* is now on her way out to Hongkong to act as store-ship for the China Station. She leaves Port Said to-morrow.

H.M.S. *Peacock* is to leave for Bangkok, via Hallow and Pakhol next Sunday morning. She is to remain at the latter place during the winter.

**THE "REGAR" CALAMITY.**  
*Quite Another Story.*  
A correspondent writes to us from Nagasaki giving a few particulars of the disaster to the launch of the *Edgar* at Chemulpo. It appears that seventy-two men (blue jackets and marines) were returning to their ship in a large wooden barge from Chemulpo on the evening of the 14th. They had been ashore enjoying themselves all day, and embarked at the Custom House Jetty, little anticipating that nearly three fourths of their number would never reach their stately ship which lay a mile and a half outside. It was blowing hard at the time, but not sufficiently so to cause any misgivings to the hardy Jacks. But when the boat got out beyond the shelter of the island, the captain, whether by the sea or how our correspondent's informant had not learnt when the mail left Chemulpo.

The scene in the harbour that night and next day was terrible, the dead bodies being washed ashore in many places. The overturned boat continued to float and most of the survivors clung to her mill picked up.—*China Gazette*.

**THE WRECK OF THE "NANKING."**  
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)  
Chefoo, November 13th.

The steamer *Nanking*, Captain Schreder, was bound for Newchwang in ballast. Somewhere near Port Arthur her engine broke down, or she collided with something and lost two blades of her propeller. She managed to put out Port Arthur, but was chased out by the Japanese. She now steers for Chefoo, but as it was blowing hard from the N.W. and a heavy current was running, she drifted on shore on the Kailan Islands, in the North Entrance. She struck this morning at 4 o'clock. The Captain went in a boat over to the Lighthouse, and from there came on shore for assistance. At 9 o'clock he left, together with Mr. Plambeck, in Messrs. H. Elias & Co.'s boat for his ship; his boat has not yet returned and as a ship returns I shall let you know the news. She seems to be in a very dangerous position at high-water, the sea breaking over the whole ship, and there is little hope that she will manage to come off. When the captain left the ship there was no water in her; the draught of the ship when she struck the rocks was 11 feet.

November 14th.  
Mr. Plambeck arrived last night from the wreck. The crew are now all safe at the Lighthouse. To-day we have fine weather and there is to be general excursion to the wreck. She is very badly on shore; the forehold is full of water so is the main and after hold, only the engine room being intact. Her cargo was only iron, mostly matches and general for Newchwang. I don't believe there is any hope of getting her off from what I hear. People tell me Mr. Goodman, of the I. M. Customs, telegraphed to Tokyo and that an additional Tamsan had left in a tugboat with diving gear for her. I don't believe they can do much, as there is no hope of getting her off this time of the year.—*Mercury*.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

**THE MCCALLUM DECREE.**  
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."  
SIR,—Referring to your leaderette of the 23rd inst. re the Inspectors of Nuisances being ordered to learn Chinese, I fancy that some mistake has occurred. I remember correctly, it was advertised, or generally understood about November or December last that an addition to the staff of Inspectors was anticipated, and a great number of applications reached the Sanitary Board. Not a word then appeared as to qualifications. About 70 persons, I believe, applied for the coveted posts. During the final examination for selection the question was asked: "Do you speak Chinese?"

Ans: "No, Sir."  
Q: "Are you willing to learn?"  
Ans: "Certainly, if a teacher is provided."

During the time of the re-appearance of the plague this year not a word was said upon the subject. Now, it seems to have been regarded as a good idea to force Inspectors to study Chinese. What good will the Government derive from their Inspectors learning it? Even the Sanitary Board and Sanitary Inspectors were in the good old days allowed to speak by the Government, and I believe, received an allowance for proficiency in Chinese. It will be found, I believe, that not a case is taken into the Superintendent but he sends for his interpreter.

Probably there would be no difficulty about inducing the Inspectors to study Chinese if they were dealt with fairly, but it is hardly fair to expect them to provide their own teachers. If the Government take into consideration the daily work of the Inspectors of Nuisances it will at once be seen that since the epidemic of Bubonic Plague in 1894 their duties have increased greatly, *vice*—Their morning work compels them to be up and about their district at daylight; inspection of night-roll carriers; the watching of conservancy and dock-houses at certain times; check waiting of water down side-channels; look after conservancy floors, drains, inspection of common lodging-houses; measuring and reporting on same, inspection of bake-houses, wash-houses, latrines, watering streets, removal of coals, refuse and rubbish, back-yard obstructions—not only the removal of these, but the making out of the notices, obtaining the occupant's names from the Registrar-General's office, and every man responsible for







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Hongkong, 26th November, 1895. [1625]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Steamship

"TSINAN."

Captain Geo. Ramsay, will be despatched

TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1895. [1612]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"EUPLECTEA."

Captain F. Morris, will be despatched as above

on or about the 28th instant.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1895. [1533]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENGYLE."

Captain McGillivray, will be despatched as above

on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, instead of as

previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1895. [1557]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA PORTS OF CALL.

THE Company's Steamship

"OANFA."

J. Davies, Commander, will be despatched as

above on or about the 2nd December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1895. [1579]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CEBU.

THE Steamship

"NANCHANG."

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched on

TUESDAY, the 3rd December, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1895. [1629]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland

Ports, and taking through Cargo to

Adelaide, New Zealand,

Tasmania, &amp;c.)

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE."

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the

above Ports on SATURDAY, the 7th December,

at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for

Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber,

which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions

throughout the voyage.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon

are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.,

Managers.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1895. [1631]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND

SOURABAYA.

THE Steamship

"FOOCHOW."

will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 7th

December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1895. [1613]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To follow the Steamers Strathclyde and

Glengyle.)

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE."

Captain Evans, will be despatched for the above

Port on or about TUESDAY, the 10th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th November, 1895. [1523]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ULYSSES."

Captain Lapsley, will be despatched as above

on THURSDAY, the 12th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1895. [1630]

FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS,

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"TEVIOTDALE."

Captain Gordon, shortly expected, will load here

for the above Ports, and will leave quick

despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1895. [1518]

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"ARRATON APCAR."

Captain J. E. Hansen, will be despatched for the

above Ports on SATURDAY, the 30th instant,

at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1895. [1602]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To follow the Steamers Strathclyde,

Glengyle and Monmouthshire.)

THE Steamship

"BENGLOE."

Captain Thomson, will be despatched for the

above Port on or about MONDAY, the 23rd

December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1895. [1571]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. 1. British 4-masted Bark

"MATTERHORN."

John Williams, Master, is now loading here for

the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 8th October, 1895. [1538]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3 1/2 A.L.L. American Ship

"JOHN R. KELLEY."

Captain Chapman, having arrived, will load

here for the above Port, and will have quick

despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1608]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3 1/2 L.L.L. American Ship

"EMILY F. WHITNEY."

Parsons, Master, shortly expected from

SHANGHAI, will load here for the above Port,

and will be despatched by end of December.

THE 100 A. 1. Steel 4-masted Bark

"TORRIDALE."

Buchanan, Master, will load here for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1609]

## Consignees.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BENLOMOND,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND

SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed

that all Goods are being landed at their

respective Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,

whence and from the wharves delivery may

be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 1st December, will be

subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Underwriter on or before the 3rd

December, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on WEDNESDAY, the 27th Nov.,

at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 30th

November, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1895. [1626]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA

AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for counter-

signing, and to take immediate delivery of their

Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel

will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and

expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1895. [1614]

## Consignees.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND

STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their

Goods are being landed at their respective

Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf

and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon,

whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 30th

instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims

for damages and/or shortages not later than the

7th December, otherwise they will not be

recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1895. [1618]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "MACDUFF,"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed

that all Goods are being landed at their

respective Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,

whence and from the wharves delivery may

be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before Noon

TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 28th instant will be subject

to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th

instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on WEDNESDAY, the 27th Nov.,

at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 30th

November, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL, CARLILL &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1895. [1540]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "PREUSSEN."

THE above named Steamer having arrived,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed

that their Goods, with the exception of Opium,

Treasure and Valuables, are being landed at

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery

may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless

notice to the contrary be given TO-DAY before

Noon